aggregate capacity of 1157.42 MW (up to 25 MW station capacity) have so far been installed and 155 such projects with an aggregate capacity of 399.68 MW are under implementation.

(c) and (d) There has been a substantial increase in the installed capacity of small hydro power projects (up to 3 MW station capacity) during the last 10 years. Their capacity has recorded a three fold increase from 63 MW to 217 MW.

In order to give further thrust and focusscd attention to this important area, the subject of small hydro between 3 MW to 25 MW has been transferred from Ministry of Power to Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources. Four promotional incentive schemes have been announced in order to promote development of small hydro projects in the extended range.

The thrust of the Ministry's programmes is to develop SHP with private sector participation. For this, an interest subsidy scheme is being operated to provide concessional loans to private sector investors through financial institutions like IREDA, REC, PFC etc. Assistance is also given to private entrepreneurs for Survey & Investigation and Detailed Project preparation.

Compensation to Farmers in Punjab Border

*149. SARDAR GURCHANRAN SINGH TOHRA: SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have approved certain proposals to compensate the farmers of the border districts of Punjab whose fields had been acquired for fencing purposes; and

(b) if *so*, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANF.NI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The work of erection of fencing and'flood lighting on Indo-Pak border in Punjab sector was taken up under the Punjab Action Plan. Government had utilised 44 feet wide strip of land for this purpose. The fencing and flood lighting works covered a length of 451 Kms. and 465 Kms. respectively. During 1990-91, the Government of India released a sum of Rs. 7.00 crores to the

Government of Punjab for paying compensation to the farmers whose land was acquired for fencing/flood lighting purpose.

Issue of citizenship cards

*150. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court, in its recent judgement, has stated that claim of citizenship cannot be valid by obtaining EC's photo Identity Card or ration card;

(b) if so, whether Government are actively considering to issue citizenship cards to all those who are actual residents of the country; and

(c) if so, by when and the steps Government propose to take to deport all the foreign national from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens in the country and issuing them Multi-Purpose National Identity Cards (MNICs) has been under consideration in this Ministry. A feasibility study in respect of this scheme is presently under preparation.

(c) Detection and deportation of foreign nationls staying illegally in the country is an on going process.

Coal based power projects

† *151. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new coal based power projects proposed to be started in the country;

(b) whether any of these new projects would be started in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.